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Application for Scored Package and a)
Method of Making the Same)

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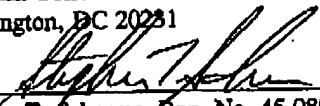
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following
amendments.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-30, without prejudice.

Please add claims 31-69 as follows:

31. (New) A flexible thermoplastic polymeric film comprising:
a plurality of layers;
a surface of said flexible film comprising a coordinate system having a machine
direction and a transverse direction perpendicular to said machine direction; and
a first laser-scored pattern on the surface of the flexible film wherein said first laser-
scored pattern is disposed in both the machine direction and the transverse direction of the
surface of the flexible film wherein said first laser-scored pattern forms a first line of weakness
in said flexible film.

32. (New) The flexible film of claim 31 further comprising:

a first layer comprising a material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene
terephthalate, polyvinylidene chloride-coated polyethylene terephthalate, biaxially oriented

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